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OPERATION PRIDE AWARDS PRESENTED; SUPT. WILLIS FEATURED AS SPEAKER

The fifth annual Operation Pride contest was climaxed by the announcement of winners and presentation of awards last Wednesday.

Checks and citations were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Saunders, 1667 South Troy, Douglas Bradley, 3631 West Polk, and Ernest Trudo, 4026 West Cermak for winning first, second, and third places respectively in the homeowner division of the GLCC sponsored home improvement contest.

Eugene Kacmarek, chairman of the judging committee and member of GLCC board, presented checks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery, 1542 South Drake, and Ford Shaw, 1453 South Tripp, first and second place winners in the tenant division; Mrs. Walter Tolton, 1830 South Drake, winner in the vacant lot category; and the 4100 West 21st Place Block Club, best of the block club entries.

A main feature of the program was the talk by Superintendent of Schools, Benjamin C. Willis, about Lawndale's school facilities.

An added feature of this year's meeting was the presentation of citations to volunteer workers who had served with GLCC for two years or more. Mrs. Mahala Evans, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented these citations.

Colored slides of the winners' homes were another feature of the program.

Honorable mention citations were given to Sears, Roebuck, and Co., Ryerson Steel, and Illinois Bell Telephone Co. for the improvements which they have performed as a part of community betterment.

Fifty \$5 honorable mention awards were presented to deserving community members. These were: Mrs. Veronica Mihalich, 3243 West Flournoy; John M. McGlynn, 3255 West Flournoy; Robert Bowman, 3230 West Lexington; Legene Owen, 3315 West Lexington; Mario Torres, 3331 West Lexington; Edgar Spark, 3629 West Polk; Robert Stanley, 3653 West Polk; Mrs. Helen Foster, 4151 West Grenshaw; Charles Heard, 4227 West Fillmore; Mrs. Mary DeFrance, 4235 West Fillmore; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith, 4239 West Fillmore; Eddie Lee Williams, 1224 South

Kildare; Solomon Jones, 1234 South Kildare; Mrs. L. Blalock, 4049 West 21st Place; and Lester Mitchell, 4035 West 21st Place.

Also receiving awards were Stanley Wright, 4029 West 21st Place; J. E. Cunningham, 1831 South Springfield; Arthur Vigne, 1852 - 54 South Central Park; Mrs. Margaret Davis, 1868 South Central Park; Mrs. S. Plump, 1632 South Trumbull; Willie Hoover, 1524 South Trumbull; Mrs. Mamie Murrie, 1440 South Spaulding; Joe Nesbitt, 1513 South Sawyer; Toles Wallace, 1549 South



FIRST PRIZE. Home of Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Saunders, 1667 South Troy, first place winner in the 1960 Operation Pride Contest.

LAWNDALE PARENTS GATHER TO PROTEST DOUBLE-SHIFT AND CROWDED SCHOOLS

The second mass school rally to protest double-shift and overcrowding in Lawndale was held August 13 at the Stone Temple Baptist Church.

Concerned parents and community leaders gathered to decide on action necessary to resolve the situation.

As a result of the meeting, parents have been sending requests for transfers for their children, and letters requesting redistricting to Superintendent of Schools Benjamin C. Willis.

At the last Board of Education meeting, redistricting of six schools was approved. With this redistricting, 250 students from Mason School (a Lawndale school) were to be transferred to Corkery School.

Supt. Willis said that although nearly 50,000 students will be on double-shift in Chicago this year, he expects all of them to be off double-shift by 1961 with the addition of 50,000 new classroom seats.

Nearly 30 local organizations, besides GLCC, sponsored this mass school meeting, either actively, or by lending encouragement and moral support.



Interested parents at mass school rally on August 13.

KACZMAREK AND KREIDER ELECTED TO GLCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Two local business men were elected to the GLCC Board of Directors this summer.

Eugene Kaczmarek, merchandise manager of Sears, Roebuck, and Co. and Donald Kreider, vice president of Sears, Roebuck & Trust Co., for the past five years, are serving on the Board for this year, Kreider serving for the second term.

Mr. Kaczmarek is serving as chairman of the public relations committee and chairman of the fund raising committee of the Board of Directors. He was chairman of the judging committee of the "Operation Pride" contest, which culminated in last week's awards meeting. Mr. Kreider served last year as chairman of the fund raising committee.

Mr. Kreider is from Elk Grove. Mr. Kaczmarek is from Mt. Prospect.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS... LAUDS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



William Busch

Nearly three weeks ago, a group of representatives from local business organizations gathered to organize a Junior Achievement program in Lawndale.

This in my opinion was an admirable action. This is the first time such a program has been attempted for Lawndale youth. There has always been the tendency to overemphasize youth crimes in Lawndale, and to underemphasize youth achievements.

The Junior Achievement program may be able to favorably overbalance that tendency.

Committees are working now to locate a convenient meeting place, to select advisors from the represented business organizations, and to recommend necessary staff coordinators.

TEAMS TO BE CHOSEN

In the forthcoming months, Junior Achievement teams will be chosen and organized, and advisors will be selected and trained. Youth will be selected on the basis of their sincere interest in Junior Achievement and their desire to make the program a success.

The organizations who are actively striving to make this program a success are Sears, Roebuck, and Co.; Ryerson Steel; Illinois Bell Telephone Co.; Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co.; Kuppenheimer Clothes; the Ladies Auxiliary of GLCC; and Aid, Benjamin Lewis, on the board of GLCC.

We have all confidence that this program will be overwhelmingly successful.

CORRECTION!

We wish to correct an oversight in the July News Notes:

Mrs. Willie Love is president of Lawson PTA, and Mrs. Breneta Howell is president of Sumner PTA.

VIVAS TO CHAIR "HOUSING" PANEL

Julio Vivas, executive director of GLCC, is chairman of the panel on Housing and Code Enforcement, one of the workshop sessions to be held at the ninth annual fall conference of the Association of Community Councils.

Members of the panel will be keynote speaker Mrs. Ozzie Badal, who works with housing and zoning enforcement in Hyde Park; Mark Satter, member of the GLCC board; and possibly one representative each from the Corporation Council and the Building Department.

The conference will be held October 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sherman Hotel. This year's conference theme is "Planning for Better Communities." Mayor Richard J. Daley will address the luncheon session on Chicago's program to improve neighborhoods.

Other workshop sessions will be School and Recreation Planning, Law Enforcement, Health and Welfare Services, and Community Human Relations.

OPERATION PRIDE -- (Cont'd.)

Sawyer; Mrs. Eddie Scott, 1544 South Sawyer; Theodore Garrison, 1552 South Sawyer; H. C. Colbert, 1553 South Sawyer; Mrs. Anna Motten, 1561 South Troy; Mrs. Allie Alston, 1483 South Troy; Mrs. Geneva McCommon, 1686 South Troy; Mr. Henry Dutton, 1802 South Troy; Sgt. John Williams, 1805 South Troy; Hayes Peterson, 1815 South Troy, and Mrs. S. B. Hudson, 1832 South Troy.

Mrs. Sarah Robinson, 1900 South Albany; James McAbee, 3021 West Cullerton; John



LEFT TO RIGHT. Second and third place winners in the homeowner division of the 1960 Operation Pride Contest. The home at

TWO ADDITIONS TO GLCC STAFF



Mary Biting

Two new staff members joined the GLCC force on August 15. Mary Biting, who just received her B.S. in journalism from Northwestern University, is the new public relations director, replacing Raymond Carlyle who left GLCC in June.



Emma Casselberry

Mrs. Emma S. Casselberry, formerly the Director of State Aid and Typing Center of South Carolina State College, joined GLCC as a member of the secretarial staff.

Dickerson, 3049 West Cullerton; Eldrich Lemmons, 3015 West Cullerton; Mrs. Fannie Brooks, 3215 West Douglas; H. A. Ragland, 3250 West Douglas; Mrs. Nathan Wilson, 3348 West Douglas; James Boxdale, 3526 West Douglas; Mrs. Annie Tompkins, 3550 West Douglas; Harrison Courts Community Project; 4000 West 21st Place Block Club; 1500 South Drake Block Club; 2100 South Central Park Block Club; 1800 South Trumbull Block Club; 1800 - 1800 South Troy Block Club; and 1200 - 1300 California Block Club also received honorable mention awards.



Douglas Bradley, 3631 West Polk, won second highest honor, and the home of Ernest Trade, 4026 West Cermak came in third.

NEWS BRIEFS...

Many, many exciting things have been going on in Lawndale this summer. Here are just a few of them:

***The Friendly Neighbors Club awarded trophies to four young baseball players on the "Scorpions" at a banquet. The ball players were Ronald Chellaw, "best all-around player"; Larry Madart, "best player"; Nick Posco, "best sportsman"; and Carl Davis won a trophy for the "greatest improvement."

***Four families won cash prizes for home improvements at the annual Hattie Mack Block Club tea. They were Mr. and Mrs. William Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wilson, and Mr. Thomas Stewart.

***The Forty Hundred Block Club crowned Sylvester Keeler and Sondra Hornsberry king and queen of the Youth Division's popularity contest, at the annual block club party.

***Congratulations to Rev. Eugene Tremble of the Mt. Ebenezer Baptist Church for his fifth year anniversary. Church members and friends helped him celebrate this occasion.

***The Trumbull Avenue Improvement Block Club has made plans to spade and seed lawns belonging to absentee landlords to improve the appearance of the block.

ATTENTION SINGERS!

***Attention Singers! The Community Youth Hour, a half-hour radio program which is broadcast Sunday nights at 10:30, invites young singers between the ages of 3 and 19 to join, and invites adults to help with the conducting. Meetings are held Thursdays in the Douglas Park Field House. Recording sessions are held Mondays at 7:30. Mrs. Maude Powell (RO 2-0896) suggests that interested youth either call her or attend a meeting or recording session to express their desire to sing.

***The Sears YMCA fall program for boys and girls is officially under way. Club and recreation activities, hobby and craft classes, athletic and gym instruction, and swimming and life saving are offered. (Call NE 8-3800 for more information.)

***St. Agatha's Roller Skating Program is again in operation. Teenagers skate Wednesday and Friday nights, 7:30. Grammar school children skate on Saturdays at noon. An adult instruction program meets Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at St. Agatha's Information Center (3141 West Douglas.)

NEW HOUSING IN LAWNDALE

***Town houses, especially designed for families, are being built on vacant land adjacent to the Mason Elementary School on 18th Street near Kildare. The builder, George J. Georges said homes will be ready for occupancy by the end of September. Interested home buyers can go through a model home any day until 8:00.

***Four GLCC board members were honored by Stone Temple Lodge No. 137, F. & A.M. Alderman Benjamin Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gaynor, and Mrs. Mahala Evans were honored at the Prince Hall Day Banquet at the Sherman Hotel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sept. 27 | Steering Committee of Block Clubs meeting, 8:00, Sears YMCA |
| Sept. 28 | Adele Donnagan of Marillac House to be guest speaker at Harrison Court Community Club meeting, 7:30 |
| Oct. 5 | Junior Achievement committee to select youth meeting |
| Oct. 6 | GLCC Youth Auxiliary meeting, GLCC office |
| Oct. 11 | Steering Committee of Block Clubs meeting, 8:00, Sears YMCA |
| Oct. 14 | GLCC schools committee meeting, 3:30-5:00 and 8:00-8:30, Sears YMCA |
| Oct. 20 | GLCC Youth Auxiliary meeting, GLCC office |
| Oct. 22 | Association of Community Councils Fall Conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sherman Hotel |

IVERSON BECOMES DIRECTOR OF ELLIOTT DONNELLEY YOUTH CENTER

William H. Iverson has been appointed branch director of the Elliott Donnelley Youth Center, neighborhood club at 3947 South Michigan, Sidney Epstein, president of Chicago Youth Centers announced recently.

The Donnelley Center, formerly the South Side Boys Club, conducts programs for 609 boys and girls of ages 6 through 19.

Iverson formerly served as director of the American Boys Commonwealth, another neighborhood center operated by the Youth Centers organization.

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